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Subject: P. Lorillard Tobacco Additive

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You may know that P. Lorillard has been experimenting with a tobacco additive called PMO which, according to reports in the literature, overcomes the ciliastatic effects of cigarette smoke inhaled by animals. The developmental work was done primarily by Swedish researchers Tore Dalhamn and Ragnar Rylander. I believe Lorillard has a patent covering the use of PMO on tobacco.

I recently learned that Lorillard has asked Dr. Dalhamn about the feasibility of setting up an epidemiological study to determine the health reaction of human subjects who smoke cigarettes treated with PMO as compared to smokers of ordinary cigarettes. The person to whom I spoke had been asked by Dr. Dalhamn to design such a study.

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Tom -
They might simply
try to measure differences in
"chronic coughing", sputum production
or other short term effects, e.g.:
incidence of respiratory diseases like
colds. They may also be considering some
simple clinical tests to determine rate of clearance
from the lung of inhaled aerosols or certain
standard tests of respiratory function.
I doubt that they're talking about
lifetime studies.

A.H.
Very interesting
will it
take a life?

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